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SUBJECT: POPULATION OF SAUDI ARABIA

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1. REFTTEL REPEATS FROM LEBANESE BUSINESSMAN SOURCE
WIDESPREAD RUMOUR THAT SAUDI CENSUS JUST COMPLETED
SHOWS ONLY FOUR MILLION POPULATION INCLUDING FOREIGNERS.

2. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY RELIABLE SOURCES THAT 1) TOTAL HEAD
COUNT WILL SHOW 5.7 MILLION INCLUDING FOREIGNERS
(WE SUSPECT CENSUS WILL SHOW LESS THAN ONE MILLION FOREIGNERS
WHILE ACTUAL FIGURE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER. MANY DID NOT REGISTER.)
FURTHERMORE, POLITICALLY IMPORTANT CENTRAL NAJD AREA
INCLUDING RIYADH WILL SHOW SOME 1.5 MILLION
PERSONS, A RESPECTABLE FIGURE. CENSUS EXPERTS FEEL (WITH EXCEPTION
OF FIGURES ON FOREIGNERS) COUNT WAS REASONABLY ACCURATE AND WAS
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NOT RPT NOT FALSIFIED TO ANY DEGREE.

3. SUGGEST UNTIL OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF CENSUS SOMETIME IN
1975 THAT USG USE "MORE THAN FIVE AND A HALF MILLION" POPULATION
FIGURE FOR KINGDOM FOR ALL PURPOSES.

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